
ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



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SOUTHEAST ALASKA SALMON PURSE SEINE FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

Sitka. . . The department has been monitoring chum salmon stocks throughout southeast Alaska and has determined that chum salmon abundance in Cholmondeley Sound will allow a fishery in District 2 to target returning fall chum salmon.

District 2

The following area will be open to purse seining from **7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 13, 2017:**

District 2: will be open within 2 nautical miles of the Prince of Wales Island shoreline south of the northernmost tip of Tolstoi Point at 55°40.25' N. latitude and north of the latitude of Cape Chacon Light, with the following restrictions:

Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed south of a line from approximately 0.8 nautical miles east of Hump Island at 55°13.49' N. latitude, 132°05.26' W. longitude to the westernmost tip of Hump Island at 55°13.62' N. latitude to a point 1 nautical mile due west of the northernmost tip of Babe Island at 55°13.05' N. latitude, 132°09.64' W. longitude;

West Arm of Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed west of 132°22.00' W. Longitude;

South Arm of Cholmondeley Sound: will be closed south of 55°11.09' N. latitude;

Kasaan Bay, Skowl Arm, Twelve Mile Arm, and contiguous waters: will be closed west of Island Point at 132°10.00' W. longitude;

Moira Sound: will be closed west of the easternmost entrance of Menefee Anchorage at 132°00.35' W. longitude;

Sunny Cove: will be closed north of 55°15.00' N. latitude;

Thorne Bay, Tolstoi Bay, and contiguous waters: will be closed.

District 3

District 3: **will be closed.**

District 9

District 9: **will be closed.**

District 14

District 14: **will be closed.**

The department will continue to monitor fall chum salmon returns to Cholmondeley Sound, Security Bay, Port Camden, Nakwasina Sound, Chaik Bay, and Excursion Inlet for fall chum salmon fishing opportunities.

King Salmon Landing Restrictions: For all Southeast Alaska waters, king salmon 28 inches or greater in length MAY NOT be retained and sold. King salmon greater than 21 inches and less than 28 inches may be retained but not sold. King salmon 21 inches or less may be retained and sold.

The next seine announcement will be issued on **Monday, September 18, 2017.**

Copies of the “2017 Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Fishery Management Plan” may be obtained at department area offices listed below and can be downloaded on the department’s website at:
http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=commercialbyareasoutheast.salmon_managementplans.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this news release is EO 1S6717.

Southeast Alaska Purse Seine Harvest Estimates

Statistical Week 36

Preliminary Estimates Compiled September 11, 2017.

Area	NUMBERS OF SALMON						Boats
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total	
District 2	0	800	1,700	100,000	20,000	122,500	38
District 3*	0	800	1,500	153,000	3,300	158,600	18
District 4	0	900	1,100	43,000	1,200	46,200	10
Excursion Inlet	0	25	250	250	1,000	1,525	3
Total	0	2,525	4,550	296,250	25,500	328,825	69

Area	FISH PER BOAT					
	King	Sockeye	Coho	Pink	Chum	Total
District 2	0	21	45	2,632	526	3,224
District 3*	0	44	83	8,500	183	8,811
District 4	0	90	110	4,300	120	4,620
Excursion Inlet	0	8	83	83	333	508

*District 3 harvest is for 2 days.

No reported harvest: District 9.

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